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SUBJECT: IMCO CONFERENCE ON PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE: FINAL
CLAUSES

FOR L/T (BEVANS) AND L/EB FROM PITMAN

1. AT MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON FINAL CLAUSES DEC. 3, POLAND,
SUPPORTED BY USSR, PROPOSED FOLLOWING ARTICLE REGARDING MEMBER-
SHIP IN CONVENTION UNDER NEGOTIATION.

BEGIN TEXT

1. THE PRESENT CONVENTION SHALL BE OPENED FOR SIGNATURE UNTIL
(DATE) AND SHALL THEREAFTER REMAIN OPEN FOR ACCESSION.

2. ALL STATES MAY BECOME PARTIES TO THE PRESENT CONVENTION BY:
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(A) SIGNATURE WITHOUT RESERVATION AS TO RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE OR APPROVAL;

(B) SIGNATURE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE OR APPROVAL FOLLOWED BY RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE OR APPROVAL; OR

(C) ACCESSION.

3. RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL OR ACCESSION SHALL BE EFFECTED BY THE DEPOSIT OF A FORMAL INSTRUMENT TO THAT EFFECT WITH (THE DEPOSITARY). END TEXT

2. U.S. DEL REITERATED USG'S POSITION IN FAVOR VIENNA FORMULA BUT WAS SUPPORTED ONLY BY NIGERIA. AUSTRALIA SAID IT COULD ACCEPT EITHER VIENNA OR ALL STATES FORMULA. US ACCORDINGLY VOTED AGAINST ABOVE TEXT, AS DID GREECE, FRG, AUSTRALIA AND NETHERLANDS. FRANCE, POLAND, USSR, FINLAND AND UKRAINE VOTED FOR. NIGERIA, CANADA, JAPAN AND UK ABSTAINED.

3. FOLLOWING VOTE ON ALL STATES FORMULA, IMCO SECRETARIAT REP RAISED FOR COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION PROVISION ALONG LINES OF THAT CONTAINED IN SOLAS CONVENTION NEGOTIATED IN LONDON IN NOVEMBER 1974. TEXT IS SAME AS SET OUT IN PARA 1, EXCEPT FIRST WORD QTE ALL UNQTE IS OMITTED.

4. COMMITTEE THEN VOTED ON SOLAS "UNSPECIFIED STATES" FORMULA. FRANCE, USSR, UKRAINE, FINLAND, UK, POLAND, AUSTRALIA AND CANADA VOTED IN VAFOR. NETHERLANDS, JAPAN, FRG, NIGERIA, GREECE AND USA VOTED AGAINST. ITALY ABSTAINED.

5. DEL REQUESTED DEPT'S GUIDANCE ON ALL STATES ISSUE FOR USE WHEN PLENARY TAKES UP SUBJECT, PROBABLY NOT BEFORE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5.

6. FINAL CLAUSES COMMITTEE ALSO VOTED ON WHETHER TO INCLUDE ARTICLE CONCERNING EXTENSION OF CONVENTION TO TERRITORIES FOR WHICH CONTRACTING PARTY MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS. (SEE TEXT IN DRAFT TREATY ARTICLES PREPARED BY IMCO LEGAL COMMITTEE AND IMCO SECRETARIAT ATTACHED AS TAB A TO CIRCULAR 175 MEMO.) USSR, UKRAINE, FINLAND, POLAND AND JAPAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOTED TO DELETE ARTICLE. UK, FRG, GREECE, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, ITALY AND LIBERIA VOTED TO RETAIN. US, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND NIGERIA ABSTAINED.

7. IN VIEW PROBLEMS DEL UNDERSTANDS HAVE ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH IMPLEMENTING THIS ARTICLE IN OTHER IMCO CONVENTIONS, INCLUDING 1966 LOAD LINE CONVENTION, REQUEST DEPT'S ADVICE ON HOW TO VOTE ON THIS ISSUE IN PLENARY. STEARNS UNQTE KISSINGER

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